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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER C. CECIL DENNIS, JR. USED THE OCCASION OF THE 4TH OF JULY RECEPTION TO RESTATE GOL VIEWS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES, DURING AN EXTREMELY LAUDATORY AND POSITIVE TOAST.

2. QUOTE:

AS THE OLDEST REPUBLIC IN AFRICA, LIBERIA HAS BEEN ONE OF THE STRONGEST ADVOCATES OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF ALL PEOPLES. IT IS OUR SACRED DUTY TO CONTINUE TO LEND OUR FULL SUPPORT TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE STILL LANGUISHING UNDER THE YOKE OF COLONIALISM AND RACIAL OPPRESSION AND TO ASSURE THEM THAT THEIR STRUGGLE IS OUR STRUGGLE AND THAT WE ARE ONE WITH THEM IN THEIR NOBLE DETERMINATION FOR FREEDOM; THUS LIBERATING OUR CONTINENT OF THE LINGERING VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM, OPPRESSION, SUPPRESSION AND RACIST MINORITY RULE.

WE WELCOME THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AS A

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BASIS FOR INITIATING THE PROCESS OF INDEPENDENCE FOR ZIMBABWE. WE SUPPORT THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO CONVENE AN ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT ALONG THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN. WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WORTHWHILE INITIATIVE HAS NOT COME TOO LATE.

LIBERIA SUPPORTS SWAPO AS THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA. AND WHILE WE COMMEND THE EFFORTS OF THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TOWARDS THE INDEPENDENCE OF THAT TERRITORY, WE ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORT SWAPO IN ITS CALL FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE OPPRESSIVE AND BRUTAL TROOPS OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM NAMIBIA; AND WE MUST INSIST THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA.

IT WAS HERE IN MONROVIA WHERE MR. VORSTER TOLD PRESIDENT TOLBERT, "I DON'T WANT AN INCH OF NAMIBIA; WE WANT TO GET HERE OFF OUR BACKS." THE CLAIM, THEREFORE, TO WALVIS BAY IS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS PRONOUNCEMENT.

IT IS THE PRESENCE OF THOSE TROOPS THAT ENABLED THE RECENT NAKED AGGRESSION AGAINST ANGOLA BY THE RACIST SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME WHICH WE AND PEACE LOVING NATIONS EVERYWHERE DEPLORED AND CONDEMNED. UNQUOTE. CARTER

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